Georgian Bay District Badminton Association

!!Smashing News 2016!!

Happy 2016!!

Happy New Year to everyone, hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year, and are happy to be back on court in 2016. The first league play of the New Year was held in Alliston on Saturday January

30th. The event was very well attended and great games were played throughout the day. After that exciting event here's what you can look forward to in the next few weeks:

Adult Events

Master Tournaments coming up are:

February 20-21 at the Mandarin Club February 26-28 Provincials at the K-W Badminton Club

Registration deadlines for these events are coming up

The GBDBA Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 4

* Location and time to be confirmed.

District Championships

will be on April 2 & 3 in Aurora/Newmarket with a social dinner on Saturday evening. A hotel block under Georgian Bay District Badminton Association is at the Best Western Newmarket. (905-895-2131 or 1-800-575-0601)

* Special rate will be held until March 2.



Ontario Summer Games

GBDBA will be selecting a team to represent the District at the upcoming Ontario Summer Games, August 11-14 in Mississauga.

If you are aged between 14-18 years and interested in participating in the largest Ontario Summer Games in history, then register for a selection camp at www.gbdba.ca

The team will be led by **Head** Coach Dave Wesley, Level 3 NCCP Coach and current coach at Georgian College.

Selection camps will be run in February and March so don't delay if interested in being considered for this exciting opportunity. For more information, visit www.gbdba.ca

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New Badminton Club News

Badminton is alive and well in Angus. The club name has changed to the **Nottawasaga Badminton Club** and runs two evenings a week:

- Tuesday 7pm 9pm, ages 13 to 18
- Friday 5:30pm 7pm, ages 10 to 12.

*Both clubs are at full capacity.

A new **Junior club**, called **CBESCNA**, has been started in Barrie run by Mattieu Boulianne. The club has around 40 players and meets twice a week,

• Wednesday & Saturday, age 12-18.

The club hopes to develop young players' skills and enjoyment of the sport. Anyone interested in joining please go to the following link:

www.cbescna.wordpress.com

BON Update

A coaching course is now available to become a **Provincial Level Coach** (formerly Level 2). It will be held in June in Ottawa. Anyone with a full Level 1 or Regional Certification may register online, at: http://www.badmintonontario.ca/Programs/Coaching/NCCPClinics.aspx.

GBDBA Coaching Survey

Please visit www.gbdba.ca
to complete a form evaluating coaching needs for the area. If you are currently coaching, interested in coaching, or even have coaching credentials but not currently coaching, then we want to hear from you!

Deadline for submissions is February 19.

**Prizes will be awarded to the first three complete forms and an email will be sent out shortly from Terrence.

Georgian College GBDBA

East Regional's will be held at George Brown college February 5th and 6th.

First, second and third place winners of this event will move on to the **Provincials** at the end of February.

Georgian College is hoping to see some teams progress to Provincials, so good luck to all participants!!



~Junior League News~

The junior circuit is well under way and badminton seems to be growing in the 2015-2016 season at the junior level. **Bracebridge** recently hosted an elementary fun tournament for beginners with pizza and water provided at lunch time. **Gravenhurst** is looking to host a similar tournament; dates are still to be determined.

The next **junior league play** is being held in **Bradford** on Saturday 20th February and will consist of singles and mixed.

There will also be a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to try out for the Ontario Summer Games

The Junior GBDBA championships will be held at the Nottawasaga Pines School in Angus on April 8th-9th 2016

→Remember to visit our website <u>www.gbdba.ca</u> to keep up to date on the happenings within the District. You can also follow us on the Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/GBDBA